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In re the application of:

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Serial Number: 09/913,643

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Filed: October 19, 2001

Examiner: Fubara, Blessing M.

For: BIODEGRADABLE CERAMIC FIBRES FROM SILICA SOLS

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 6, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition for withdrawal of this application from issuance pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.313. The facts supporting this Petition follow:

1. This application was allowed on August 11, 2003. The Issue Fee was timely paid on October 24, 2003.
2. Applicants subsequently became aware that a foreign reference of record in this application is more relevant to the claimed subject matter than originally thought.
3. A Request for Continued Examination and a Preliminary Amendment are attached.

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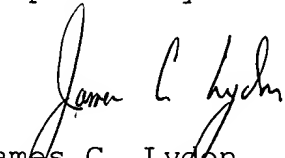
ACTION REQUESTED

The Commissioner is requested to withdraw this application from issuance, to enter the attached Preliminary Amendment, and to reexamine this application.

A translation of the relevant portions of a foreign reference and supplementary remarks regarding same will be filed shortly.

A credit card payment form is attached in payment of the Petition fee and the RCE filing fee. It is not believed any additional fee is required for entry and consideration of this petition. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such additional required fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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